(c) Under the Swagat Seva, the selected agency shall provide porterage services as well as assist once in clearing airport formalities, purchase of tickets and reservation, etc. The agency providing the services shall be charging Rs. 500/- per passenger.

Procedure for import of aircrafts

1580. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 541 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd May, 2005 and state:

(a) what are Government rules for the import of aircraft (Private Jets)/ helicopters by private companies/individuals;

(b) what certification procedures are followed by the DGCA; and

(c) who is responsible for the maintenance of such aircraft/helicopters and whether they are approved by the DGCA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The aircraft/helicopter by private companies/ individuals for private use can be imported under a licence by Ministry of Commerce (Directorate General of Foreign Trade) Clearance by Ministry of Civil Aviation.

(b) For certification of each aircraft Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) follow a standard procedure and check list. By this porcess aircraft registered in India are certified airworthy before they are used in service.

(c) All the aircraft/helicopters are maintained by the organizations approved by DGCA.

Air service from Gaya Airport

1581. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gaya Airport is being equipped properly to receive foreign tourists, coming from the Eastern-countries;

(b) whether there is any plan to start direct flights from Tokyo and Taipeh to Gaya to help tourists from those countries; and

(c) whether there is any plan to start domestic flights from Delhi to Gaya on a regular basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Airlines start air services to domestic/foreign destinations from domestic/international airports in India depending upon bilateral agreements, traffic requirements and commercial viability etc. At present, there are no proposals to link Gaya with Tokyo and Taipeh or Delhi.

Development of Pune Chakan International Airport

1582. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow MIDC to develop Pune Chakan International Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) There is a proposal for development of a Greenfield International Airport at Pune by MIDC under joint venture with private participation. The site suggested by State Government of Maharashtra is under technical evaluation.

New international air services

†1583. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to start new air services to foreign countries;

(b) the number of countries where Indian air services are operating, at present; and

(c) the names of the countries with whom talks are going on for starting air services alongwith the details thereof?

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